

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 65

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ron and Bobbie Patray on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 1959, Ron and Bobbie Patray were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, when Bobbie Patray was a thirteen-year-old ninth grader at Bradford High School in Starke, Florida, she became aware of a handsome, blue-eyed senior on the football team; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Patray looks back fondly on what she calls her "full-blown crush" on Ron Patray, and she remembers that he showed interest in her as well; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, Mr. Patray entered the Air Force, and the two did not see each other until he was home on leave after serving in Japan and Guam; and

WHEREAS, at this time Bobbie Patray was a senior and the head majorette at her high school, and she remembers walking back to school after her lunch one day and seeing Ron Patray driving up in a truck; he offered her a ride and asked her on a date; and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 1957, Ron and Bobbie Patray went on their first date, driving to Gainesville, Georgia, to see the film *Heaven Knows Mr. Allison*, starring Robert Mitchum and Debra Kerr; and

WHEREAS, the two were engaged in November of 1958 and married the following year; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Patrays' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Ron and Bobbie Patray on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.